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Applicant: Smythe *et al.*

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 26, 2003 concerning the above-referenced patent application. By the attached petition for an extension of time and check for the requisite fee, applicants have extended the time for responding until December 26, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.